

REMARKS


This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 9, 2004. Claims 1-11 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-11 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully believe the § 102(e) rejections of Claims 12-15, 17-18 and the objections to Claims 16 and 19 to be moot in light of the cancellation of those claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submits that the currently-pending claims are believed allowable. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees and fees for claims added upon amendment, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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